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## GOVERNMENT REORGANIZES COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

9 CORPORATIONS ESTABLISHED IN CENTRAL FLAINS -- Ta Kung Pao, 10 Oct 49

In order to unify industrial and commercial activities, the Central Plains Provisional People's government established nine special industrial corporations. Right have been established in Han-k'ou, to handle cotton yarn and textiles. foodstuffs, tea, salt, animal husbandry, coal, lard and grease, and edible oil; and one, in Hsu-ch'ang Hsien, to handle tobacco.

These agencies have been established to coordinate rural, urban, export and import transactions, to regulate the supply and demand of the market, and to aid production.

FUETEN PAPER MILL RESUMES OFFRATION -- Wen-hui Pao, 20 Oct 49

Fu-chou -- The Fukien Paper Mill, largest privately owned paper mill in the province, had been closed down from 21 May 1949 until liberation due to shortages of raw materials and inadequate markets. After a month of carefully planned machinery repairs and general reorganization, the mill resumed production in September 1949.

Among the first contracts received were from the Fukien Jih-pao and the Few Chira Book Store. During the first 24 hours of production, 5 tons of white paper were produced, surpassing the previous maximum output by approximately

The Fukien Paper Mill was established in 1932. Many of its promoters and stockholders were overseas Chinese in the Philippines and South Seas. The mill occupies an area of 17 acres and is the only mechanized paper mill in Fukien. Its equipment runs a close second to the Taiwan Paper-Manufacturing Company, and makes it the second best mill in South and Southwest China. Its daily out put is from 2 to 5 tons of various sorts of paper products, including newsprint, bond paper, and cardboard.

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During its most prosperous period before the war, Fukien Paper Mill had markets in the South Seas, Hong Kong, Kuang-chou, Shang-hai, Han-k'ou Fei-p'ing, and T'ien-ching, as well as other localities. The mill now has offices in Shang-hai, Shan-t'ou (Swatow), Kuang-chou, Wen-chou, Hsia men (Amoy), and Taiwan.

CUSTOMO RESULATIONS TO BE RIVISED -- Wen-hmi Pao, Ch Oct 49

Pei-p'ing, 23 October -- The Central Finance Committee met recently in Pei-p'ing to discuss the need for uniform customs regulations. Thirty-six delegates from all parts of China attended. Chairman Ch'en jun (Ueda: 12864, 13020) made the following points in his address to the group.

- 1. All of the customs revenue collected by the imperialists in the past years shall be utilized to benefit the people. A revolution in current customs practices will be a step forward in putting the democratic theory into practice. But, we must take care in such a revolution that we pender carefully each new change. We should retain all technical skill and experience remaining from the old customs.
- 2. Our new customs regulations will be closely connected with foreign trade. It is hoped that trade regulations can be opened with all countries on a mutually profitable basis. At the outset our foremost trade transactions will be with the Soviet Union.
- 3. Although there is no unified control of customs now, a unified system will be established gradually.
- 4. The new and old executive staffs must work together to reorganize the customs office successfully and insure efficient performance.

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